

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of forming an inlaid pattern in an asphalt surface comprising:
  - 5 (a) providing a first template having a predetermined pattern;
  - (b) impressing said first template into said asphalt surface when said asphalt surface is in a pliable state to form an impression therein;
  - 10 (c) removing said first template from said asphalt surface to expose said impression;
  - 15 (d) providing a second template having a predetermined pattern at least partially matching the pattern of said first template;
  - (e) inserting said second template into said impression; and
  - 20 (f) fixing said second template in position within said impression to form said inlaid pattern.
2. The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of heating said asphalt surface prior to impressing said first template into said asphalt surface.
- 25 3. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the step of fixing said second template in position within said impression comprises heating said second template to cause said second template to bond to said asphalt surface.
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4. The method as defined in claim 3, wherein said second template is heated to a temperature within the range of approximately 100° - 400° F.
- 5 5. The method as defined in claim 3, wherein said second template is heated to a temperature within the range of approximately 150° - 350° F.
6. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template comprises a pre-formed thermoplastic grid.
- 10 7. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template is of unitary construction.
- 15 8. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template has a color contrasting with the color of said asphalt.
9. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template comprises a light source for illuminating said second template after said template is fixed in position within said impression.
- 20 10. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template is luminescent.
- 25 11. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template is fluorescent.
12. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template comprises an upper surface, wherein said upper surface is substantially flush with the surface of said asphalt when said second template is fixed in position.
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12. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template comprises an upper surface, wherein said upper surface is recessed below the surface of said asphalt when said second template is fixed in position.

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13. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said second template comprises an upper surface, wherein said upper surface projects above the surface of said asphalt when said second template is fixed in position.

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14. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein second template comprises a grid formed from a plurality of frame elements, wherein said frame elements have a width less than 12 inches.

15. 15. The method as defined in claim 14, wherein said frame elements have a width between  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and 1 inch.

16. A method of forming an inlaid pattern in an asphalt surface comprising:

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- (a) providing a template having a predetermined pattern;
- (b) impressing said template into said asphalt surface when said asphalt surface is in a pliable state; and
- (f) fixing said template in position to form said inlaid pattern.

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17. The method of claim 16 wherein said template is formed from a plastic material.

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18. The method of claim 17, wherein said template is formed from a thermoplastic material.

19. The method of claim 16, wherein said template is formed from rubber.

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20. The method as defined in claim 16, wherein said second template is of unitary construction.

21. The method as defined in claim 16, wherein said template has a color contrasting with the color of said asphalt.

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22. The method as defined in claim 16, wherein said template comprises a light source for illuminating said template after it has been fixed in position within said asphalt surface.

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23. The method as defined in claim 16, wherein said template is luminescent.

24. The method as defined in claim 16, wherein said template is fluorescent.

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25. The method as defined in claim 16, wherein said template comprises an upper surface, wherein said upper surface is substantially flush with the surface of said asphalt when said second template is fixed in position.

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26. The method as defined in claim 16, wherein said template comprises an upper surface, wherein said upper surface is recessed below the surface of said asphalt when said template is fixed in position.

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27. The method as defined in claim 16, wherein said template comprises an upper surface, wherein said upper surface projects above the surface of said asphalt when said template is fixed in position.
- 5 28. The method as defined in claim 16, wherein template comprises a grid formed from a plurality of frame elements, wherein said frame elements have a width less than 12 inches.
- 10 29. The method as defined in claim 28, wherein said frame elements have a width between  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and 1 inch.